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CLINTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE PROPRIETOR WOULD

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the Clinton Hotel having been recently improved

in every particular, he is prepared to offer

other superior accommodations to his patrons and

the public in general.

REDUCED PRICES!

THE STABLING will coexist with any on

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JOSEPH L. SMITH,

APARTMENTS will be let by DAY, WEEK,

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Travelers are requested to inspect the hotel before seeking accommodation elsewhere.

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THE BRTN O WINES, LTD.

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BOTTLES OF BEER

FOR 50 CENTS!

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AMERICAN HOTEL.

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south Saanich, West Road Second, House

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every comfort of a good city house.

The table is always well supplied. A few well furnished bedchambers.

The Bar is supplied with CholWines, Liquors and Cigars.

Also Whitehall Boat for the accommodation of Parties

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Gentlemen fond of fishing will find plenty of sport, as the Arm abounds in all kinds of fish.

Each Apartment has a private bath.

AMERICAN PARTIES ACCOMMODATED.

esq. Cowichan Ferry at kept—

Groceries, Provisions, Dry Gls and General Mer-

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L. ECKSTEIN,

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Per Barque "CAMDEN"

From Honolulu S. I.

200 kegs best No 1 alhee Sugar

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50 bbls, No 1 Mobs.

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A. CASSANYOU & CO.,

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MADE POOR RUM, WHISKEY, PROOF SPIRITS

AND REFINED LIQUORS, doctoral, spiced and sweet.

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Thursday Morning, Aug 3, 1871.

Land and Population.

Scarcely a day dawns on this truly magnificent country that does not furnish some fresh incident illustrative of the importance of a complete revolution in the mode of dealing with the public lands of the colony. Hitherto we have been hindered by the antiquated heresies of Downing street from adopting such a thoroughly liberal land system as might reasonably be expected to attract and retain that class of population the country most needs. In this respect a change from Downing street to Ottawa could not but have been a change for the better; for the people of Canada having long since got bravely over those old foggy notions about land engrossed upon that country, under the earlier days of colonial office domination, are prepared to deal with all such matters in a spirit of enlightened liberality and true progression. But the supreme control of the public lands of British Columbia has not been transferred from Downing street to Ottawa; but from Downing street to British Columbia, vested in its own people, as is eminently proper. The people now possess the full power, on them devolves the high responsibility of dealing with the public lands of this Pacific Province, and we feel that in the manner in which that important power is exercised must largely depend the prosperity of the country. It is a consciousness of this that occasions a feeling of impatience to see the new machinery set in motion and a new and thoroughly liberal land system, with its necessary adjunct, a well digested and practical scheme of colonization, inaugurated. Scarcely a steamer arrives at our wharves that does not bring those who are in search of homes, and there are not infrequently those amongst them who are acting in that capacity for others, who in some instances, represent scores and even hundreds of families desirous of finding homes on this coast. And what is the result? These visitors are charmed with the climate and favorably impressed with the presumed prospects and resources of the country; but they can find no one apparently interested in their case, or authorised to aid them in their enterprise. They find everything in a chaotic state, and they are compelled to turn their backs upon a colony they would fain make their home, and, in many cases, seek a home under a foreign flag! Nay, they are sometimes met on our very wharves by the agents of a foreign country who hold out inducements to them which are strangely absent here. Every week that this condition of things continues inflicts serious loss upon British Columbia, and it is most earnestly to be wished that no time may be lost under the new dispensation in organizing the necessary machinery with which to work a department underlying all assured prosperity. The tendency of population is now westward, and it behoves British Columbia to put forth an earnest and intelligent effort to secure her share.

The Canadian Militia.

The wonderful progress of the Canadian Militia force, or as Sir George E Cartier prefers to call it, "The Grand Army of Canada," has not failed to attract the attention and excite the admiration of the nations. We have seen the English press, usually slow to discover Colonial excellence, telling Mr Cardwell that he "may learn many valuable lessons regarding military organization if he can spare a single evening to read the last few Militia reports of the gallant young Dominion." We have seen the representatives of Sir George's "Grand Army" contending successfully with the older kindred organizations of England and Scotland; and we are in momentary expectation of nearing that they have distinguished themselves and brought fresh glory to the "gallant young Dominion" in the great national contest at Wimbledon. We have also seen that during the present camping season in Canada the general results of inspection and review have been of a character to afford fresh ground for hopefulness and pride. Everywhere throughout the Provinces of Ontario the military camps have attracted much attention, while the various tests of efficiency both in drill and target practice have evoked the highest encomiums of the press and of experienced military officers who have been on-lookers. But it appears to have been reserved to the Province of Quebec to make the most imposing military display. Late Canadian exchanges contain elaborate and highly interesting descriptions of a grand military demonstration at the village of Laprairie, opposite Montreal, and another at Logan's Farm, immediately north of that city. The number of men engaged on each of these occasions was about six thousand, and high military authority had pronounced the performances quite equal to similar ones at home. In the Laprairie affair four thousand five hundred troops marched upon the village, which was defended by fifteen hundred, and attempted to capture it, in which, however, they were unsuccessful. The demonstrations at Logan's Farm the field of many a brilliant sham-battle by Her Majesty's regulars stationed at Montreal in former

times—consisted of a review, in which the "marching past" is described as highly creditable to both officers and men; and also the usual sham-fighting, which was pronounced equal to that of the Regulars of former days. Altogether these demonstrations were calculated to inspire hopefulness as to the working of the Canadian Militia System, and so far towards justifying the belief recently expressed by the Saturday Review that, with such numbers, such physique, such officers, such training, and such organization, Canada counts much as an element of the military strength of the Empire, and must, we should think, definitely put an end to all fear of a sudden annexation by the United States.'

New Advertisements

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General Traders,
TOKS OF SKEENA RIVER.

HAVING THE ONLY STOREHOUSE
on the River, all goods consigned to us will be stored at reasonable rates and promptly forwarded to their destination. We are responsible for all goods received by us.

A Large Stock of General Goods and Miners' Outfits
FOR SALE LOW
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IMPORTERS
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A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF

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COMPRISES

BLANKETS all sizes and colors

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LIVERPOOL Fine SALT in 100lb bags

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TABLE SALT in glass jars

HOOP & SHEET IRON

TIN PLATE

WINDOW GLASS all sizes

WALL PAPER

WHITE LEAD and PAINTS

SALAD OIL in ½ pints, pints and quarts

JAMS & JELLIES in 1 lb & 2 lb jars and tins

TAPIOCA. Sago and Pearl Barley in 14 lb tins

CURRENTS in 25lb tins

MUSTARD in ½ lb and 1lb tins. Fine, Surface and Double Superfine qualities

CURRIE POWDER and Currie Paste

PICKLES, Pie Fruits, &c

ENGLISH CHEESE

SPLIT PEAS in 40lb tins

CONFECTIONERY in 7, 8 and 14lb tins

VINEGAR in ½ casks

BASS & CO'S ALE in pints and quarts

IND. COOPE & CO's do do

YOUNGER & CO's do do

BLOOD, WOLFE & CO's do do

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HENNESSY, Martell, and Otard, Dupuy & Co's Brandy in ½ casks

RENAULT BRANDY in ½ cks & cases

RED & GREEN CASE GIN

IRISH & SCOTCH WHISKY in ½ casks and cases

JAMAICA RUM in hogheads

OREGON PRODUCE, Flour, Middlings & Co No 1 and 2 Sandwich Island SUGAR

MOLASSES, No 1 quality

U. S. TEA No 1, in 36lb Chests

JANION, RHODES & CO.

STORE STREET.

GEORGE'S MARKET,

JOHNSON STREET,

[Next door to Blum's Dry Goods Store.]

Dealer in Vension and all kinds of Game

In Season.

NOTICE

MRA. W. BARNETT HOLDS MY POWER

of Attorney for the collection of all outstanding

balances due to me in the colony.

JOHN MURRAY, Esq.

Victoria, Aug 1, 1871.

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IRELAND'S

OMINECA EXPRESS,

VIA FREMEA RIVER.

AN EXPRESS WILL LEAVE THE

OMINECA

MINE

FOR THE SIXTEENTH OF AUGUST.

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CHURCH BANK, VICTORIA.

WILL RE-OPEN

New Advertisements.

THE

ROYAL INSURANCE

COMPANY.

FIRE AND LIFE.

Head Office -- Liverpool

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LICENSED to accept Risks in British Columbia, having, in accordance with the Act respecting Insurance Companies deposited with the Canadian Government \$150,515 as security for Canadian Policyholders.

Sproat & Co, Agents

For British Columbia.

WHARF STREET, 1st August, 1871. au2

CHINA SUGAR, No. 1,

JAPAN TEA, Eagle Chop, in 1 lb and

½ lb packets

POUCHONG TEA, 1 lb papers

GUNPOWDER TEA, in boxes

BREAKFAST CONGO, in ½ chests

For sale by

SPROAT & CO., Wharf street.

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THEATRE ROYAL

THURSDAY EVENING, August 3rd,

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TENDERED
MISS

CORA DE LAMOND,
Queen of Magic.

By a Host of Friends.

* Observe the popular prices of Admission:
Dress Circle and Parquette 50 cents
Pit 25 " "
Reserved Seats 75 " "
Boxes \$5 and \$6
Doors open at 7:45; performance to commence at 8:30 sharp

DR CHONG, Agent.

JUST ARRIVED FROM CHINA, PHYSICIAN, Surgeon and Acupuncturist, Cormorant street, three doors below Kwong Lee's At San Shu Lee's house. Every description of Chinese Medicines for sale. Fresh Medicine just received from China.

RICHARD WOODS, Registrar.

Registrar's Office, July 25th, 1871.

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In the Supreme Court of British Columbia,

IN BANKRUPTCY.

A DEED BEARING DATE THE 24th day of July, A.D. 1871, made between Alfred Alfred Townsend, of Victoria, Esq., and the City of Victoria aforesaid, Merchant, Trustee for and on behalf of himself and the rest of the creditors of the said Alfred Alfred Townsend of the second part, and the said L. Stahlischmidt and all the Creditors of the said Alfred Alfred Townsend of the first part, whereby the said Alfred Alfred Townsend conveys all his Estate, Assets, and the said Trustees absolutely, to be applied and administered for the benefit of the creditors of the said Alfred Alfred Townsend, in the like manner as it had been at the date thereof adjudged a bankrupt. The said deed was brought into my office for registration on this day Friday the 28th day of July, 1871, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m., and was duly registered according to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, 1862.

RICHARD WOODS, Registrar.

Registrar's Office, July 25th, 1871.

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Jelly

Glasses,

At 371-2 and 50 Cents per doz.

AT JOHN WEILER'S,

Port street

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CAUTION.

THE UNDERSIGNED SOLE AGENTS and importers of the well known brand of tea (U.S.) beg to notify the public that several imitations of this mark have recently been imported from China which is not the genuine article and is of poor quality. The tea marked "J. & C. Victoria" was received and shipped to that port by the Prince Alfred, which is not of our brand.

KWONG OU CHEO G.

San Francisco.

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A. B. GRAY,

Importer of

DRY Goods,

BEG TO RETURN THANKS TO THE

Public for the liberal favours accorded to him in the past, and respectfully solicits its continuance, whilst he is temporarily absent from the Province during which time his stock will continuously receive additions from personal selections in the leading European markets.

GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA, 1st August, 1871.

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R. MAYNARD,

Occidental Building, Fort St.

Just Received Per PACIFIC.

Shoe Leather & Findings

IN GREAT VARIETY,

Upers of every Description

and Quality

READY FOR BOTTOMING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Thursday Morning, Aug 3, 1871.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

CLEARED.

Aug 2—*Our Discovery*, Ettershank, Burrard Inlet
Star Enterprise, Swanston, New Westminster.

BIRTHS.

In this city, on the 31st July, the wife of E. Graham
Stock of a son.

eteorological Report for July, 1871.

The weather during the month has been variable. Up to the 4th there have been light variable winds in the early part of each day, and generally calms during the latter part and to some very warm; at 6 a.m. on the 4th a slight sprinkling of rain fell lasting only a few minutes, and in the afternoon, up to the 10th the weather has been pleasant, with moderate breezes varying from SSE to W. On the 11th during the afternoon it blew quite a gale, lasting till sunset. Up to the 26th the weather has been warm, with wind prevailing generally S to SW occasionally W, and frequently calm and hazy from smoke from bush fires.

On the 26th at 4 a.m. a heavy rain began to fall, lasting till 3 a.m., when it cleared off, with quite fresh breezes from SW to W, and quite heavy squalls lasting till the early part of the afternoon, when the rain stopped, out, and the sun shone. The temperature of the month has been pleasant during the early and later part of each day, but about noon and the early part of the afternoon the sun has been very warm, excepting to-day, which has been more cloudy than any day during the month.

Highest barometer 30.27, July 17 at 8 a.m. Calm.

Highest barometer 30.50, July 11 at 8 a.m. Wind S.

There was an unusual winter day from heat of bush fires and strong winds from SSE to W. The wind blew twice round the compass this day.

Lowest barometer 29.79, July 27, 8 a.m. Wind strong at W.

Low at thermometer 54, July 23, do moderate at B.

Extreme rain fallen during 24 hours 64100 pts of rain in total evaporation during the month 38100 do do.

The greatest amount of evaporation was on the 11th, being 4100 pts of an inch, the day being unusually warm.

W. H. B.

Fisgard Island, July 31, 1871

Municipal Council.

Wednesday, August 2.

Council met at 8 p.m. Present—Councillors McMillan, Gerow, Carey, Heathcote and Speaker.

Tenders were received from Willis Bond and Arthur Strong for the grading and graveling of Pandora street; the former \$507 50 and the latter \$550.

Coun. Carey moved that the Council grant \$107 50 toward the graveling of Pandora street on condition that the residents on said street contribute \$100, to be paid in to the Clerk before the work is commenced.

A communication from E Smith complaining that Mr Freeman's cow had broken into his garden and destroyed the plants and trees, and requesting the Council to keep the cow in custody until the damages were paid.

The Clerk informed the Council that Mr Freeman had paid \$5 into his bands for the damage and the question was dropped.

QUEBEC STREET.

A communication from the residents of Quebec street complaining that the street had been graded on one side and not in the middle and as they had paid in their money as agreed upon they wished the Corporation to have the street made according to the specifications.

Quite a discussion ensued, it being generally admitted that the surveyor had not laid out the work properly.

Coun. Carey submitted a report from the Street Committee recommending the expenditure of an additional \$65 to finish the grading of Quebec street. Adopted.

Alex Beswick submitted a report of his work on Quebec street with a bill for \$111, which was accepted and ordered paid.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the Finance Committee for payment:

Willis Bond for grading and graveling Blanchard street \$395. Geo Fox for coal oil \$14. H F Heisterman for rent \$15. T N Hibben & Co stationery \$72 88. E Mallandaine commission for collecting taxes \$48 40. Rossco, Tye & Co for a mattock \$2.

The following bills were read and consideration deferred:

D W Higgins for publishing tax list \$100.

DeCosmos & Long for publishing tax list \$114

ADDRESSES TO GOVERNOR TRUTCH.

Councillor Carey submitted a draft of an address to his Honor J W Trutch upon his arrival in the Province, which was adopted.

Adjourned.

SKETCHES OF THE NORTHWEST.—Mr E T Colman of this city has completed a series of sketches of the scenery of Oregon and Washington Territory, to be used as illustrations in Dr Loryan's new work, 'The Guide to Oregon.' The frontispiece is allegorical, and represents the varied climate of Oregon. One portion represents summer with its teeming fields of grain, and plenty apparent everywhere. The next is autumn with its ripe fruit and coverts of birds, at which a hunter is shooting. A large dog occupies the foreground in this scene, but while his body is under an Autumn sky his tail extends into the sketch representing Winter, and is nipped from the body by the piercing cold. This is intended to demonstrate how closely the seasons follow each other on this coast, and to show that we have all forms of climate. The sketches made of mountain scenery are, Mount Hood, from a view on the West Side road, Mount St Helens and Adams, from Marquam's Hill, Mount Rainier, from Nisqually plains, and Mount Baker, from Coupeville, Whidby Island. The general sketches are, the falls of the Willamette and Multnomah, Collin Rock, Rooster Rock, Cape Horn, and the falls and passes of the Saucamie, in Washington Territory.

A CLEAR CASE OF PERJURY.—A man named Thomas S Perle has been convicted at San Francisco of the crime of perjury for swearing that he was identical with a man named Perle who, 18 years ago, became possessed of a tract of land under a Spanish grant and subsequently went abroad and died. He had a partner in the fraud, named Salvin, and both men, in order to carry out the scheme came to Victoria, where the false personation was first committed before the American Consul.

It is said that the Oregon poet, Miller first arrested the attention of British critics by introducing his new volume, as follows: 'The City of Mexico was my Mecca, and San Francisco to me a marvel of magnificence and civilization. This last summer I crossed the Rocky Mountains, and for the first time saw New York; a great place for cheap books and a big den for small thieves.'

THE COAST SURVEY.—We are requested to state that the paragraph in a contemporary to the effect that Mr John Trutch is organizing a coast surveying party is incorrect. No step of the kind has been taken.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise sails for New Westminster at 7 o'clock this morning.

County Court.

Before A P Pemberton, Esq.

WEDNESDAY, August 2.

Lineker vs Larkin.—This was a suit brought to recover the balance of an old account commenced in October, 1864 and continued till the end of March, 1865. The plaintiff stated in evidence that the account was not outlawed by the statute of limitation, as the defendant had acknowledged the debt and had paid on account a portion of the original amount within the time set by the Limitation Act. The amount claimed was \$24. After hearing the plaintiff's evidence the case was postponed until Thursday, 3rd inst, at 11 a.m.

There were two other cases confessed and one judgment summons case in which the defendant was ordered to pay \$3 per month.

THEATRE ROYAL.—To-night Mme Lamond will give one of her delightful entertainments at the Theatre Royal—a complimentary benefit having been tendered by a number of citizens who have witnessed the adverse circumstance of counter-attraction which operated against her success during the earlier part of the engagement. Miss Lamond has purchased a valuable silver tea-service at Mr Redfern's, which will be given away as the first prize. A sucking pig with powerful lungs will constitute the second prize and ninety other prizes, both useful and ornamental, will be presented. The prices of admission are 50 and 25 cents, and as the building is sure to be crowded, seats may be secured at the box-office to-day.

A HARDHATRED FELLOW.—Upon examining the skull of a man who met his death by violence in Canada, last week, there was found, besides the fracture which was the immediate cause of death, a leaden bullet, lodged in a sack-like process of the lining membrane of the skull. No trace of the course of the course of the bullet could be discovered, except a slight hardening of the brain adjacent to the point where the missile entered the skull. The man, it is asserted, received the shot about six years ago, and had carried the bullet in his brain for that length of time without any apparent injury.

ELECTORS OF VICTORIA PARLIAMENTARY DISTRICT.—Reserve your pledges for Messrs Helmcken and Nathan. Don't be honey-fogged by paid agents of the Rowdy-dowdies and Communists who are circulating requisitions in behalf of the most worthless men who ever cursed a constituency by misrepresenting it. Look at the characters and antecedents of the parties circulating the requisition in which will be found a sure index of the characters and intentions of their employers. "A word to the wise, etc."

PASSENGERS BOOKED.—The following passengers are booked for San Francisco per the Prince Alfred: Mrs Eaten, Mr and Mrs R P Whear, A McLean, J B Conrow, wife and son, J C Nicholson, C Strous, W Westhoff, H G Bolton, G F Wren, S Douglas, Thos Fulton, M V B Gardner, J Loerz, R P Williams, G Voorhies, A B Gray, Boob, E Watson, S Piercy, R M Bereton, R H Dixi, R W Ditch, B Balfour, H Voorhies, R S Saunders.

THE office of the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad is at 208 Montgomery street, San Francisco, W L Waitt, Agent. The office of the Chicago and North Western Railway is at 415 California street, San Francisco, J S Daley, Agent. Mr M V B Gardner is traveling agent for both lines.

CUNDURANG.—Several orders have been sent from this city for the new cancer-cure. There are many martyrs to cancer in this colony. Vice President Colfax's mother has been cured by the new remedy, which generally effects a cure in from nine to twenty-five days.

TIGER ENGINE CO.—Mr T J Burnes, a veteran fireman, has been elected foreman of the Tigers in place of James Orr, deceased. Mr Burnes was foreman of the Tigers some years ago and also Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

REQUISITION.—A requisition asking Mr Nathan to stand for the House of Commons for Victoria District was numerously signed yesterday.

The Royal Insurance Company have deposited \$150,515 with the Canadian Government as security for policyholders within the Dominion.

ACCIDENT.—Mr A H Buckner, while running a foot race with a friend yesterday near Craigflower, fell and broke his right arm above the elbow.

SUICIDE.—George White, private Secretary of Governor Archibald, of Winnipeg, committed suicide July 4th.

MR BUNTEA IS said to be canvassing to represent Victoria District in the local Parliament. No show—not a ghost of one!

IRELAND'S EXPRESS for Omineca will close at Frank Campbell's at 9 o'clock this evening.

W S S GREEN has started homeward from San Francisco.

HIGH MASS will be said at St Andrew's Cathedral at 9 o'clock this morning.

POLICE COURT.—There were no cases on the records of this Court yesterday.

THE U S S SARASO sailed at daylight yesterday for Puget Sound.

The most curious ant in the world is the parasol of the West Indies, if the accounts which we receive of its habits are correct. These ants walk in long processions, each one carrying a cut leaf over its head as a parasol in the sun, and they deposit these in holes ten or twelve feet under ground, apparently with no other object than to form a comfortable nest for a species of white worm, which is invariably found coiled up among them on digging out the deposit.

A GILMORE, MERCHANT TAILOR, and General Outfitter, has removed his place of business to the store adjoining the Colonial Hotel and opposite the Colonial Office, on Government street, fourth door from Yates, where he proposes to give his old friends and new customers a chance on the principle of quick sale and small profits.

REMEMBER THE FATE OF ABSALOM.—Fred Payne, Tonsorial Artist, Shaving 12¢ cents Hair Cutting 25 cents, Shampooing 25 cents Hair and Cheap Shaving Shop stand on the sunny side of Johnson street.

FELL'S COFFEE, superior to any other manufactured on the coast, may be obtained of all respectable dealers throughout the Colony.

Municipal Real Estate Tax Arrears.

Editor BRITISH COLONIST:—It appears somewhat remarkable that the sensible report of the Commissioners recently appointed to see right the old Island Real Estate Tax muddle should be published almost simultaneously with the Corporation's list of arrears, and that the egregious mistake pointed out by the Commissioners at paragraph 4 of their report in regard to the late Government arrears should have been perpetrated by the Clerk of the City Council even without apology.

It is almost impossible for property holders to ascertain if their property is included in the list and it is certainly preposterous to expect people to spend three or four days in a profitless search, when by the authorities conforming to the simple method of publishing the list of lots numerically the duty would take but a few minutes. What the City Clerk has to do which prevents his devoting some portion of his time to the preparation of a proper list, is to such simple minded folks as myself incomprehensible. If he has too much to do, twenty dollars would be well spent by the City Council in this instance in employing somebody to revise his work.

A. B. C.

Letter from San Juan Island.

SAN JUAN ISLAND, July 25th, '71.

Editor BRITISH COLONIST:—When visiting your city I promised you an occasional letter from the San Juan Archipelago. At this time however, I will refer but to one island of the group, that of Orcas Island. At the close of my last Sabbath service there I visited one or two farms in the neighborhood and was well repaid for my walk. One of the farms was situated in a pretty valley. Everything had the appearance of industry and prosperity.

The land was fat and flourishing, the stock well fed and cared for. The owner of the farm, Mr Thomas Dickson, appeared to be the exact person for so flourishing and comfortable a place, he being jolly and good natured and apparently very sociable, for at the time of my visit he had prepared an entertainment for a dozen of his neighbors of that delicate dish so well liked by our editorial staff and boys of the printing office, viz.—strawberries and cream. Among the guests were the Messrs Robinson Bros, the gentlemen who laid out so much hard cash in the erection of your beautiful and stately Occidental building. Mr Robinson, sen., is perfectly well. He did ample justice to the strawberry feast, having, in my presence, demolished one half milk pan. It affords me much pleasure to find the people of Orcas so beautifully united. A farmer's life must be a happy one when such a feeling exists. The glorious quiet of that pretty valley, its segregation from strife and brawls and heated rivalries attracted and delighted me, and I felt, with Greeley, 'that were I to begin my life anew, I would choose to earn my bread by cultivating the soil.' Blessed is he whose day's exertion ends with the evening's twilight and who can sleep unbroken and without anxiety till the dawn awakens him, with energies renewed and senses brightened to fresh activity and that fullness of health and vigor which are vouchsafed to those only who spend most of their waking hours in the free, pure air and renovating sunshine of the open country.

From the valley I wended my way to a farm owned by Col May, a gentleman of marked intelligence and culture. Mr May is a person apparently too industrious, and has land too valuable to allow even a weed to grow, if by any means he can eradicate it from the soil. This gentleman has worked sixteen hours a day (Sundays excepted) for the past five years, at least so says his land. It is here that I wish particularly to speak of one of his fields in which are the celebrated Ramsdell Norway oats, standing at that time, June 28th, to the height of five feet, their spreading qualities being enormous!—one bushel, I was given to understand from the most reliable authority, producing as much as three bushels of the ordinary oats. Facts and figures have already been published, showing by as reliable testimony as can be found in the land, that the Ramsdell Norway oats will produce from twicethree times as much to the acre, are heavier and of better quality, stand up better, and are more hardy than any other known oats. They have been awarded forty-five first premiums at certain State and County Fairs in competition with all the varieties now grown, which is a larger number than was ever awarded to any agricultural improvement in a single year. Last season a nine-acre lot yielded \$11,250 to a New York farmer, a larger sum than he had made in ten years farming. A Wisconsin farmer did still better, and hundreds made small fortunes. These facts can be fully proven any day by undoubted testimony. Col May expects to raise about 125 bushels to the acre, and will have some for sale. Already farmers on the adjacent islands are exerting their utmost to secure some seed, and judging from the wonderful increase and profi

ciency from them, according to the testimonials of twenty-five farmers and others who have tried the seed, I would strongly urge your farmers to give the celebrated oats a trial. They will have far less labor and far more profit.

So much for our seed. I will write you about a different kind of seed of my own sowing ere long.

Yours, &c.,

T. J. Weeks,

Second Dispatch.

By Electric Telegraph,

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

British Columbia.

BARKERVILLE, WILLIAM CREEK, July 31—Forest Rose Co last week washed up 214 oz, and the Ballarat Co washed up 80 oz. The upper claims generally are taking out more or less gold. The Discovery and Valley Cos are still at work getting good pay.

Lowell Creek—The Black Bull Co last week washed up 50 oz, out of very little ground. The water at the upper part of the creek is getting very low. The Victoria Co cleaned up 28 oz, and the Eureka Co 50 oz.

Lightning Creek—The South Wales Co last week washed up 178 oz and the Spruce Co 30 oz. Nothing further to report from the prospecting companies.

Davis Creek—The Amalgamated Co are getting steady pay. Last week they washed up 50 oz.

Jack of Clubs Creek—The First Chance Co have got the water out of their shaft. The Two Sisters Co are down 112 feet without being troubled with water.

Grouse Creek—The R'd Gauntlet Co are getting well sinking in the deep channel. The ground sluicing companies are continuing to clean up.

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